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INFORMATION TO PARENTS

Subject: Compulsory Field Trip Activity for Secondary 4 and 5 Students

Dear parents/guardians,

At this time of the year, some students are making their first steps into the world of driving, some already have their driver's license and some might even already be in possession of a car. With the summer vacation, the end of the school year and all the celebrations related to this transition into adulthood, we thought it would be a great opportunity to sensitize young adult to the risks, dangers and consequences of impaired driving.

For the past 9 years, people working with youth in the Brome-Mississquoi and Haute-Yamaska territories, have made keeping the roads safe a priority, by preparing future drivers for the different dangers of driving. This prevention project simulates a car accident where impaired driving (alcohol, drugs and texting) is involved. The activity shows not only the role of first responders on the scene of an accident but also all the consequences lived by everyone involved in the accident.

To be able to educate secondary 4 and 5 on this important topic, we will be using different tools such as: "The Power To Change Everything" from the SAAQ and the precious collaboration of many partners that chose to invest money, time and energy in this important cause. This large endeavour will involve police officers, firemen, first responders, school counsellors from 2 different MRC and will reach about 3000 students (2 schools boards and 2 private schools, over 2 days). It is important to report that, ever since this awareness project has been presented to students, no impaired driving accident has been reported during the dangerous period of after prom parties.

We would like to take this opportunity to also encourage you to discuss with your children about the risk and dangers of driving while impaired and the options that are available to him/her to avoid it. To help you start this conversation, we decided to open one of the 3 presentations of the simulation to parents (general public). Therefore, you are invited to join your child and attend this incredible prevention activity, **May 25th, 2017 at 1:30** at the Centre Sportif Léonard-Grondin in Granby. By attending this event, you will not only be touched by this amazing project but it will also help you communicate better with your child on dangerous behaviours such as impaired driving.

Thanks you for your support and collaboration,

